

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

When a distribution apparatus ~~(200)~~ receives a distribution request packet from a new reception apparatus ~~(300)~~ while distributing contents to a multicast address, the distribution apparatus transmits in return a distribution acceptance packet including the multicast address under the distribution ~~(APPROVAL)~~. Then, receiving a packet of contents in multicast form from the distribution apparatus ~~(200)~~, the reception apparatus ~~(300)~~ transmits to the distribution apparatus ~~(200)~~ a request for distributed data that includes the serial number ~~(52)~~ of the firstly-received packet as well as a buffer size necessary for starting reproduction ~~(NOTIFICATION)~~. The distribution apparatus ~~(200)~~ then reads necessary packets from a distributed data buffer to transmit to the reception apparatus ~~(300)~~ the distributed data ~~(U43-U51)~~ in descending order from the serial number 51 in intervals of the multicast distribution.